Summer/ Fall 2005 Newsletter

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Nov. 11, 2005 Nov. 24, 2005 Nov. 25, 2005 Dec. 26, 2005 Jan. 2, 2006

Please note that the Board Office will be closed on these days.

ABSWE

Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners 334/242-5860 or 1-888-879-3672

It's That Time Once Again

The Board of Social Work Examiners is seeking nominations from Districts 3, 4, 5, and 7.

District 3 consist of
Cherokee, Calhoun,
Cleburne, Clay, Talladega,
Randolph, Tallapoosa,
Chambers, Lee, Macon,
Russell and parts of
Coosa and Montgomery
Counties.

LGSW's, and 1 –
LBSW currently fi
positions. All are
eligible to come be
should they be
interested in seek
nominations and

District 4 consists of Franklin, Marion, DeKalb, Etowah, Lamar, Fayette, Walker, and parts of Morgan and Pickens.

District 5 consists of Lauderdale, Colbert Limestone, Lawrence, Madison, Jackson and part of Morgan County. District 7 consists of Greene, Hale, Perry, Sumter, Marengo, Dallas, Wilcox, Choctaw, and parts of Clark, Tuscaloosa, Jefferson and Pickens Counties.

Your district is determined by the

Congressional District you're assigned to vote in for Political elections. 1 - LCSW, 2 -LGSW's, and 1 -LBSW currently fill positions. All are eligible to come back should they be interested in seeking nominations and reappointment. However these seats are open to all interested and eligible Licensees. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board and reside in one of those four districts, a letter of recommendation can be submitted. The ABSWE will be accepting letters now through December 30, 2005.

The nominees must be licensed social workers living in the Congressional Districts for which they

are being nominated. The person making the nomination must also be licensed and live in the same Congressional District.

The top three names with the most letters of recommendation from each district are submitted to the Governor's Office for appointment consideration. The Governor has 30 days to select someone to fill the position. Should the Governor fail to appoint someone by the 30-day period the person with the most nominations will automatically be appointed.

We have included maps of each of the Congressional Districts on pages 2 and 3.

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Job Opportunities at Gateway

Gateway in Birmingham is looking for people to fill various positions. Currently they're looking for Caseworkers, a Family Support Specialist, a Therapist, Casework Supervisors, a Social Worker/

Licensing Specialist, and a Resource Developer. The Caseworker, Social Worker/ Licensing Specialist, and Resource Developer must be able to work flexible hours. If you are interested in any of these positions you may submit a resume with salary requirements to: Recruiter, Gateway, 1401 20th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Social Workers... Do You Need Insurance?

The Alabama Chapter of NASW has been asked to research the idea of offering a group health insurance plan for social workers. A member of their state board of directors reported that it was her belief that social workers, especially those in private practice, would like the opportunity to purchase health insurance.

If you are a social worker who is interested in participating in a group

health insurance plan, please contact the chapter office. Initially they plan to determine if there is a need for this type of insurance, and if a need is identified they will research the options and proceed from there.

Look for more information on this issue in future newsletters from NASW.

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Supervision for the LCSW: Here I Go Again!

By: Brenda W. Holden Executive Director

I know some of you have already heard this, but at the expense of sounding like a "broken record" I'm going to repeat this information.

Supervision to become a LCSW. Many people believe they can begin their supervision as soon as they graduate with a MSW. This is an incorrect assumption! Alabama Law 34-30-33 Representation to public as social worker after November 24, 1978, no person may represent himself as a Social Worker by using the title "Social Worker" ... unless licensed by this board...etc. This applies to everyone working in the State of Alabama with the exception of Merit System or Civil Service Employees (someone that works for the State Government or the Federal Government); all others must abide with Alabama Law 34-30-33. The point being you can't begin supervision without having the right to practice social work legally. If you are a MSW graduate and you have not applied and been approved to sit for the LGSW examination by the Board you may not call yourself a social worker nor take a position as a social worker with any agency (with the exception of State or Federal Government positions). Should you take a position as a social worker, you would be breaking the law. The Board can fine these people for not less than \$100 and not more that \$500 for the violation. The Board has not yet fined anyone

for this offense but does have the ability to do so.

This is a problem that occurs most often because the people affected are not licensed and therefore do not read the ABSWE's Newsletter. In hopes that those Licensees that provide the supervision know the law, we are stressing this information again. Before you accept the responsibility of supervising someone ask to see their approval letter from the Board. In doing so you will know that they are allowed to practice in the State.

Please note that if you supervise someone or should you plan to supervise someone in the future, before you start the supervision you must submit a contract to the Board for approval. This will preclude any problems down the road with the supervision being accepted. Not following the appropriate procedure will cause the person being supervised to lose two years of their experience and delay their opportunity for licensure at the LCSW level. It could also create serious consequences for the supervisor should the MSW in any way cause harm or injury to clients while practicing illegally under their supervision since the LCSW would be the one responsible. If the potential supervisor required the applicant to supply them with a copy of the approval letter from the Board all of these problems could be avoided. When an applicant's application is approved to sit for the licensing exam it gives them the same rights and privileges granted to a

licensed social worker to practice for 12 months. If they do not pass the exam within the 12 months these rights and privileges expire along with their applications. As a supervisor always ask for a copy of the approval letter issued to the applicant by the Board. All approval letters have an expiration date posted on them. The expiration date is the date their exam application is closed along with their special privileges. If they can not provide you with a copy of this letter feel free to check with our office. We'll be happy to look it up for you. We keep copies for our records also.

If the person seeking supervision is currently licensed at the LGSW level they may begin their supervision for the LCSW at any time they wish but a contract **must** be submitted to the Board to verify that the supervisor is eligible to provide the supervision.

Currently the law allows for an LBSW who earns a MSW to begin supervision for the LCSW as long as their LBSW License remains active and in good standing. The LBSW Licensees that attains an MSW would be the only people that are not required to complete the application prior to initiating Supervision for the LGSW since they're already licensed to practice. A contract must be submitted for them as well for the same reasons mentioned earlier.

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New Licenses Issued LBSW

LCSW

4048B	SANDERS, LINDA G.	MAR 2005	ELBA	
4049B	BOSSIE, SEKERIA V.	APR 2005	WEAVER	
4050B	DAVIS, CHRISTY B.	APR 2005	MONTGOMERY	
4051B	SMITH, RISHA A.	APR 2005	NORTHPORT	
4052B	EDWARDS, ANGELA W.	APR 2005	TUSCALOOSA	
4053B	HOLLAND, JENNIFER M.	APR 2005	MUSCLE SHOALS	
4054B	LORD, JENNIFER M.	APR 2005	ATHENS	
4055B	MADDOX, RUTH A.	APR 2005	DOTHAN	
4056B	JERNIGAN, PAMELA T.	APR 2005	DOUBLE SPRS	
4057B	LANFAIR, KARA S.	APR 2005	FLORENCE	
4058B	CALLEN, JOHN H.	APR 2005	BESSEMER	
4059B	EDWARDS, DEBBIE M.	APR 2005	GADSDEN	
4060B	KINCER, RENEE D.	APR 2005	MADISON	
4061B	PULLIAM, TIFFANY N.	APR 2005	CENTREVILLE	
4062B	WILLIAMS, CARISSA A.	MAY 2005	VINA	
4063B	FINLEY, SHERITHA N.	MAY 2005	DADEVILLE	
4064B	MAYS, REBECCA G.	MAY 2005	GURLEY	
4065B	EASTERLING, CARLA C.	MAY 2005	CLANTON	
4066B	FOSTER, KELLY A.	MAY 2005	SELMA	
4067B	KOONCE, APRIL C.	MAY 2005	FLORENCE	
4068B	LEFOY, JULIE T.	MAY 2005	FLORENCE	
4069B	SCOTT, SHIRLYKA Y.	MAY 2005	UNION SPRS	
4070B	JONES, NATALIE S.	JUN 2005	COLLINVILLE	
4071B	LEVERETTE, KATRINA M.	JUN 2005	ENTERPRISE	
4072B	MONTGOMERY, ROBIN L.	JUN 2005	TUSCALOOSA	
4073B	LAVENDER, TAMEKA L.	JUN 2005	ALICEVILLE	
4074B	GLASSON, CANDACE D.	JUN 2005	KILLEN	
LGSV	MEYER, KIMBERLY B.	MAR 2005	NORTHPORT	
	·	MAR 2005	HUNTSVILLE	
	COTTON, SHAWNDA J. PHILLIPS, LORIN A.	MAR 2005	HUNTSVILLE	
	AUTREY, LEWIS C.	APR 2005	MOBILE	
	JIMERSON, ALMA F.	APR 2005	D'IBERVILLE	
	PAYNE, JENNIFER R.	APR 2005	TUSCALOOSA	
	STEVENSON, TINA P.	APR 2005	NORTHPORT	
	WHITE, TINYNICHA L.	APR 2005	PRICHARD	
2004G		APR 2005	FLORENCE	
	GOFF, CAROLINE O.	APR 2005 APR 2005	EUFAULA	
	HADLEY, MARY F.	APR 2005 APR 2005	TALLADEGA	
	PAYNE, CATHY S.	APR 2005	PELL CITY	
	BAKER, DONALD W.	APR 2005	TUSCALOOSA	
	BUDNEY, LESLEY B.	APR 2005	BIRMINGHAM	
2010G		APR 2005	SELMA	
	LADNER, MITZI L.	APR 2005	SHEFFIELD	
	RUDDER, APRIL R.	MAY 2005	DALEVILLE	
	GRIMES-GAA, LUCIENNE	MAY 2005	OPELIKA	
	LAND, STEPHEN M.	MAY 2005	HUNTSVILLE	
	HUBBARD, CHERRY S.	JUN 2005	VANCE	
	BLACKWOOD, KAREN C.	JUN 2005	CULLMAN	
20176	DLACKWOOD, KAREN C.	JUIN 2005	DAINDOMOITY	

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RAINBOW CITY

2018G JOHNSON, SHANNA G.

1881C	HUGGINS, VANESSA S.	MAR 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1882C	FERGUSON, SHERI S.	MAR 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1883C	ALDEWERELD, TRACEY T.	APR 2005	BESSEMER
1884C	POWELL, AMY D.	APR 2005	DOTHAN
1885C	SCHYBERG, SYLVIA B.	APR 2005	COLUMBUS
1886C	YOUNG, SHELLEY L.	APR 2005	TUSCALOOSA
1887C	DUHON, CHERIE E.	APR 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1888C	HAMMOND, LEITH E.	APR 2005	MURRIETA
1889C	DISBROW, KATTIA G.	APR 2005	MADISON
1890C	BROWN, SHERRY N.	MAY 2005	CULLMAN
1891C	CRAWFORD, MELBA F.	MAY 2005	SECTION
1892C	WINGO, KELLY C.	MAY 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1893C	HILL, KRISTI B.	MAY 2005	NORTHPORT
1894C	HUGHES, BETH M.	MAY 2005	ANNISTON
1895C	PIERCE, SHIRLEY M.	MAY 2005	SCOTTSBORO
1896C	WALCHLI, CINDA L.	MAY 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1897C	MASSEY, WILLIAM P.	MAY 2005	COLUMBUS
1898C	MICHIE, IDA C.	MAY 2005	MILTON
1899C	PARKER, CAROLYN A.	MAY 2005	JACKSONVILLE
1900C	BEAVER, ALETA C.	JUN 2005	SPANISH FORT
1901C	ROBERTSON, MONICA H.	JUN 2005	CALERA
1902C	ROWE, JOYCE M.	JUN 2005	MOBILE
1903C	WILSON, SUSAN C.	JUN 2005	BIRMINGHAM
1904C	BEASLEY, ALYCE M.	JUN 2005	REFORM
1905C	RICHARDSON, BELYN J.	JUN 2005	WETUMPKA

PIP's

0706-1875C	MAR 2005	HUGHES, CRISTINA L.	TUSCALOOSA
0708-0042C	MAR 2005	TAZEWELL DEBRA J.	TUSKEGEE
0709-1825C	APR 2005	BAKER, EMMA J.	DECATUR
0710-1800C	APR 2005	CORENBLUM, CARYN L.	BIRMINGHAM
0711-1871C	APR 2005	FOWLER, WILLIAM D.	AUBURN
0712-1888C	APR 2005	HAMMOND, LEITH E.	MURRIETA
0713-0366C	APR 2005	RANKIN, BEVERLY A.	MONTGOMERY
0714-1841C	MAY 2005	ADAMS, MEREDITH H.	MONTGOMERY
0715-1862C	MAY 2005	BRISTOW, PATRICIA A.	HARVEST
0716-1476C	MAY 2005	CRUSSE, CHERYL K.	MOBILE
0717-1884C	MAY 2005	POWELL, AMY D.	DOTHAN
0718-1838C	MAY 2005	SPRUIELL, MELANIE L.	NORTHPORT
0719-1609C	MAY 2005	WILLIAMS, EVA E.	TUSCALOOSA
0720-1890C	JUN 2005	BROWN, SHERRY N.	CULLMAN
0721-1383C	JUN 2005	MCMAKEN, KATHRYN L.	MOBILE
0722-1865C	JUN 2005	STEWART, ROGER K.	FAIRHOPE

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About this newsletter...

Some of you may have noticed that we have not sent out a newsletter in some months now. The reason for this is our Finance Department with the State discontinued the normal printing

services to state agencies. The new licensee list in this issue was created for the Spring Newsletter. It was at that time that Finance announced they were not accepting anymore printing jobs. We will still list all new licenses issued in the newsletters to come. Please bear with us as we try to catch up. Thank you.

Up Coming Events

Are you searching for CE opportunities? Have you looked at your Board's web site? We list all approved programs submitted with contact numbers for those interested in joining. Some are even *FREE*. Do yourself a favor and check it out!

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